VI.—PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1962-63

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to present the Final Supplementary Estimates for the year 1962–63. A detailed statement explaining the demands for Grants is placed on the table of the House. The total Supplementary Demand is for a sum of about Rs. 21·62 crores, of which about Rs. 8·82 crores will be on Revenue Account and about Rs. 5·82 crores on Capital Account, the balance of about Rs. 6·98 crores being on account of repayment of Public Debt. The First Supplementary Estimates which I presented to the House towards the end of January sought to provide mostly for the New Service Schemes sanctioned in the course of the year. There are a few "New Service" Schemes sanctioned since then for which we are now seeking appropriation. But the bulk of the Supplementary Demand now asked for is for covering the increase in expenditure under different heads over the original Budget provision. The increase under many heads is already reflected in the Revised Estimates for 1962–63 presented to the Legislature along with other Budget papers . We have also taken this opportunity to make an up-to-date review ot fhe progress of expenditure in different departments and have provided for the increased expenditure now anticipated. 3-30 p.m.

2. The large appropriation asked for under repayment of Public Debt can easily be explained. As the House is aware, the realisation of revenues from different State Taxes is not evently spread throughout the year with the result that the gap between Revenue receipts and Expenditure has to be covered from time to time by temporary Ways and Means advances from Reserve Bank of India. These advances are repaid as soon as the revenues are realised and the cash balance position of the Government improves. We have provided in the Supplementary Budget Rs. 6;98 crores representing the sum total of such advances taken from time to time and repaid by the Government.

3. Turning now to the increased provision for expenditure on Capital Account, the largest single item here is an additional appropriation of Rs. 4·67 crores under Capital Outlay on schemes of Government Trading. This provision is intended to cover payments on account of the larger quantity of fertilizers now allotted to the State by the Government of India. I had occasion to refer in my Budget Speech to the appreciable improvement in supplies of fertilizers in the current year and this increased volume of transactions in fertilizers is fully reflected in the additional appropriation now sought. The increased Outlay on this account will be matched by increased receipts on the revenue side when these stocks of fertilizers are released to Co-operative Wholesale Societies, for sale to the ryots.

4. Among other significant items of increase in Capital expenditure, special mention should be made of he increased provision

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of Rs. 40 lakhs now sought for Minor Irrigation Schemes. The Government of India have allocated for the current year an additional sum of Rs. 60 lakhs outside the Plan ceiling for Minor Irrigation Schemes in this State and we have taken full advantage of this assistance offered by the Government of India. With the additional provision now made for Minor Irrigation Scheme, we shall be able to absorb fully the Central Assistance. We are also seeking an additional allotment of Rs. 28·5 lakhs towards contribution to the share capital of Madras State Co-operative Bank, Central Co-operative Banks and Agricultural Bank. This outlay will be fully covered by loan assistance from the Long Term Operations Fund of the Reserve Bank. As the House is aware, the Reserve Bank is granting such loans to the State Governments as part of its programme for the development of Co-operatives in the country.

5. I should now explain in brief the additional expenditure on Revenue Account. There has been an appreciable increase in expenditure on maintenance of irrigation works including grants to Panchayat Unions for maintenance of sources entrusted to them and in particular in carrying out repairs to the irrigation works damaged by the unprecedented floods in July 1961. The additional appropriation sought for under this head is of the order of Rs. 1·47 crores.

6. Under Industries also, we are asking for an additional appropriation of Rs. 1·30 crores, the bulk of the increase being on purchase of raw materials for the various industrial units started during the Plan period. To give two instances, an additional allotment of Rs. 24·53 lakhs for the Galvanising Plant at Mettur and Rs. 41·70 lakhs for the Servicing Corporation at Guindy has become necessary. The increased provision now made for the raw materials is an index of the rising level of production in these units and will be covered by larger receipts for sale of finished products. The other large increases are mostly on development departments like Education (Rs. 1,17·05 lakhs), Medical (Rs. 89·71 lakhs) and Harijan Delfare (Rs. 41;63 lakhs). The increase in expenditure on General Administration (Rs. 99 lakhs) may appear substantial, but in fact, even with this additional appropriation, the expenditure anticipated in the current year will be only about Rs. 20 lakhs over the actual expenditure in 1961–62.

7. The increased appropriation asked for under other heads reflects the normal increase over the Budget Estimates and does not call for any special comments. Most of this increase has already been anticipated in the Revised Estimates for 1962–63 presented to the Legislature along with the Budget Estimates for the next year.

With these words, Sir, I commend the Final Supplementary Estimate for the acceptance of this House.